

## 2012-13 Degree Program Purposes and Student Learning Outcomes Summary

### ***Master of Divinity (M.Div.)***

**Purpose:** The Master of Divinity degree is designed to equip students for professional, vocational ministry in church and para-church settings. This may include a broad range of occupations, including the pastorate, intercultural service, Christian leadership, pastoral counseling, chaplaincy, evangelism, and youth ministry. In many churches and denominations, the M.Div. degree has been recommended for those preparing for ordination. It can also provide the academic basis for the D.Min., Th.M. or Ph.D. degrees.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

Each graduate of the Master of Divinity degree program should be able to:

1. Know and interpret Scripture according to proper hermeneutical principles. (BU 1, 2)
2. Apply Scripture according to proper hermeneutical principles. (BU 4)
3. Articulate sound doctrine consistent with the Phoenix Seminary Statement of Faith and the historic doctrines of the Christian church. (BU 3)
4. Shepherd God's people with biblical wisdom, compassion and justice. (CD 1, 2; MS 1, 3, 4)
5. Communicate biblical and theological truths effectively. (MS 2)
6. Demonstrate mature Christian character and purity of life. (BU 1; CD 2, 3, 4)
7. Demonstrate healthy personal relationships with God, family, local church and neighbor, particularly those marginalized by race, gender or socio-economic status. (BU 4; CD 1, 2, 3, 4; MS 4)

### **M.Div. Biblical Communication (BC)**

**Purpose:** The Biblical Communication concentration equips students for life-changing, expository preaching and teaching of the Old and New Testaments, and it can provide the basis for further academic study.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

Each graduate of the Master of Divinity (Biblical Communication) degree program should be able to:

8. Demonstrate the ability to use the original languages for interpreting and applying Scripture. (BU 1, 2, 3, 4; MS 2, 3)
9. Communicate Scripture clearly according to proper homiletical principles. (BU 1, 2, 3, 4; MS 2, 3)

### **M.Div. Counseling and Family (CF)**

**Purpose:** The Counseling and Family concentration prepares students to provide biblical guidance, sustenance, healing, and reconciliation to individuals, couples, and families in either church or para-church settings. This degree can provide the basis for further academic study.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

Each graduate of the Master of Divinity (Counseling and Family) degree program should be able to:

8. Articulate the church's biblical mandate to care for persons. (BU 4; MS 4)
9. Design programs for biblical counsel and care. (BU 4; CD 1; MS 1, 3)

## **M.Div. Leadership Development (LD)**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Leadership concentration is to prepare for vocational ministry positions in church and para-church ministries. This degree can provide the basis for further academic study.

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

Each graduate of the Master of Divinity (Leadership Development) degree program should be able to:

8. Explain the aspects of leadership from the Bible. (BU 1, 2, 3, 4; CD 1; MS 1)
9. Explain how to develop leadership in ministry. (CD1; MS 2, 3)
10. Recruit workers using a Bible-based philosophy, vision, and strategy. (BU 3, 4; CD 3, 4; MS 2, 3)

## **Master of Arts in Biblical Leadership (M.A.B.L.)**

**Purpose:** The Master of Arts in Biblical Leadership prepares students for Christian leadership other than pulpit/preaching ministries. It specifically equips students for a variety of professional church and para-church ministries or as church lay leaders. It is expressly not designed to prepare students academically for doctoral studies or for ordination in those churches that require the M.Div. degree.

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

Each graduate of the Master of Arts in Biblical Leadership degree program should be able to:

1. Know and interpret Scripture according to proper hermeneutical principles. (BU 1, 2)
2. Apply Scripture according to proper hermeneutical principles. (BU 4)
3. Articulate sound doctrine consistent with the Phoenix Seminary Statement of Faith and the historic doctrines of the Christian church. (BU 3)
4. Explain the aspects of leadership from the Bible. (BU 2, 3, 4; MS 1, 2, 3)
5. Explain how to develop leadership in ministry. (BU 2, 4; MS 1, 3)
6. Recruit workers using a Bible-based philosophy, vision, and strategy. (BU 3, 4; CD 3, 4; MS 2, 3)
7. Explain from Scripture how to be a Christian leader in a non-Christian world. (BU 2, 4; CD 3; MS 2, 3)
8. Shepherd God's people with biblical wisdom, compassion and justice. (CD 1, 2; MS 1, 3, 4)
9. Demonstrate mature Christian character and purity of life. (BU 1; CD 2, 3, 4)
10. Demonstrate healthy personal relationships with God, family, local church and neighbor, particularly those marginalized by race, gender or socio-economic status. (BU 4; CD 1, 2, 3, 4; MS 4)

## **Master of Arts in Professional Counseling with Ottawa University**

*[This is a cooperative program between Phoenix Seminary and Ottawa University; the MA in professional counseling is awarded by Ottawa University, in addition to receiving a graduate diploma in counseling from Phoenix Seminary.]*

**Purpose:** The cooperative diploma and Master of Arts program is designed to equip students for a professional vocation as licensed counselors. This may include employment in a range of settings including churches, para-church ministries, and inpatient, outpatient, and in-home mental health agencies. It can also provide the academic basis for doctoral training.

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

Each graduate of the Master of Arts in Professional Counseling (with Ottawa University) degree program should be able to:

1. Know and interpret Scripture according to proper hermeneutical principles. (BU 1, 2)
2. Apply Scripture according to proper hermeneutical principles. (BU 4)

3. Demonstrate mature Christian character and purity of life. (CD 1, 2, 3 4)
4. Demonstrate healthy personal relationships with God, family, local church and neighbor, particularly those marginalized by race, gender or socio-economic status. (BU 4; CD 1, 2, 3, 4; MS 4)
5. Articulate fundamental counseling principles and theories. (MS 3)
6. Articulate an integration of psychology and Christian theology that is consistent with both empirically supported psychological interventions and orthodox Christian faith. (BU 2, 3, 4)
7. Apply counseling interventions with wisdom and compassion. (BU 4; CD 1, 3, 4; MS 2, 3)
8. Produce scholarly work utilizing current research. (MS 1, 3)
9. Demonstrate knowledge of, and compliance with, legal and ethical standards. (CD 1, 3)

### ***Doctor of Ministry***

**Purpose:** The Doctor of Ministry degree program is to prepare students currently in vocational ministry with the highest level of expertise in the biblical and theological application of God's truth to their contextual ministry setting in the church and para-church. The Ph.D. degree, by comparison, purposes primarily to equip students to engage in scholarly research and teaching.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

Each graduate of the Doctor of Ministry degree program should be able to:

1. Construct biblical solutions to the student's specific contextual, cultural ministry problems. (BU 4; MS 2)
2. Demonstrate how to shepherd with biblical wisdom, compassion and justice. (CD 3, 4; MS 2,3, 4)
3. Develop a biblical theology of spiritual formation. (BU 2, 3; CD 1, 2)
4. Come to a greater understanding of their leadership style as it pertains to their specific ministry. (CD 3, 4; MS 1, 2, 3)
5. Explain biblical and theological truths effectively. (BU 2, 3, 4; MS 2, 3)

### ***Graduate Diploma in Biblical and Theological Studies***

**Purpose:** The Graduate Diploma program provides foundational biblical education for those in support roles or non-vocational ministries. It is ideal for leaders and lay leaders who are seeking to improve their understanding of Scripture. It is not intended for those in vocational pastoral or teaching ministries.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

Each graduate of the Graduate Diploma program should be able to:

1. Explain important biblical themes. (BU, 2; CD 1; MS 2, 4)
2. Explain key theological concepts. (BU 3, 4; CD 1; MS 2)
3. Interpret Scriptures according to proper hermeneutical principles. (BU 1, 2, 3, 4; MS 2, 3)
4. Apply Scriptures according to proper hermeneutical principles. (BU 1, 2, 3, 4; MS 2, 3)